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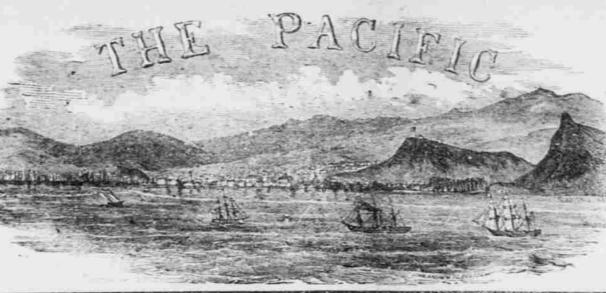
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species, but as altogether poisonous, th culinary process, while others retain their be certainly distinguished from its poisonous cousin would seem to be unten ble. Professor Ponfick, of Breslau, is quoted as having made an exhaustive study of the subject. He finds that repeated washing with cold water removes most of the poison of mushrooms, and cooking, especially boiling, dissolves the rest. The water in which mushrooms are boiled however, is always poisanous, more so even than raw mushrooms. Experiments with unlucky dogs show that if it eats one per cent. of its own weight of raw mushrooms it falls sick, but recovers; one and a half per cent, produces violent illness; and if the dog eats two per cent of its weight the result is always death. Of boiled mushrooms dogs ate ten per cent. of their weight without barm. When the mushrooms were well washed with cold water, a larger quantity could be eaten raw without bad effects than was possible with those that were not washed, but simple washing never removed the poison entirely. Dried mushrooms were found to be dangerous for twenty days, and also the water in which such mushrooms had been boiled. The moral is: treat all mushrooms as poisonous; corefully throw out the water in which they have been washed or boiled cook them well, and never eat th m in large quantities If men are no more susceptible than dogs are to the poison, a man can as safely gorge himself with well-boiled mushrooms as with beef or any other nitrogenous food. When otherwise cooked, or when the species is doubtful, a sparing use is always prodent. The fact that all mushrooms and allied growths are more or less poisonous should be no bar to their use as food, proper care being taken in the cooking and eating. The common potato is not free | Commissioner of Deeds for the States of New York from poison; and the juice of the root from which tapioca is made is a virulent poison, In preparing mushrooms for the tab'e, safety is assured, not by looking for specific charact teristics supposed to indicate harmlessness.

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